

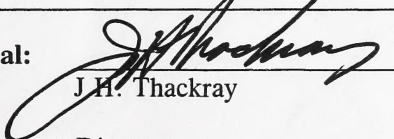
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Subject: Schedule of Optometry Benefits amendments effective January 1, 2003		Reference: Schedule of Optometry Benefits

To: all optometrists and billing staff

In accordance with the terms of a November 12, 2002 agreement between the Alberta Association of Optometrists (AAO) and Alberta Health & Wellness to contain expenditures within the 2002/2003 budget allocation, the benefits paid for basic optometry services are being reduced to reflect a default price adjustment, effective for dates of service starting **January 1, 2003**. The new rates are provided below. Please update your Schedule of Optometry Benefits accordingly.

Health service code	January 1, 2003 rate for children (18 and under)	January 1, 2003 rate for seniors (65 and older)
B650	\$ 37.54	\$ 42.58
B651	24.84	28.17
B652 - B659	14.21	16.12
B660	37.54	42.58
B661	24.84	28.17

If you have any questions about the agreement or the default price adjustment, we would recommend that you contact the AAO directly.

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